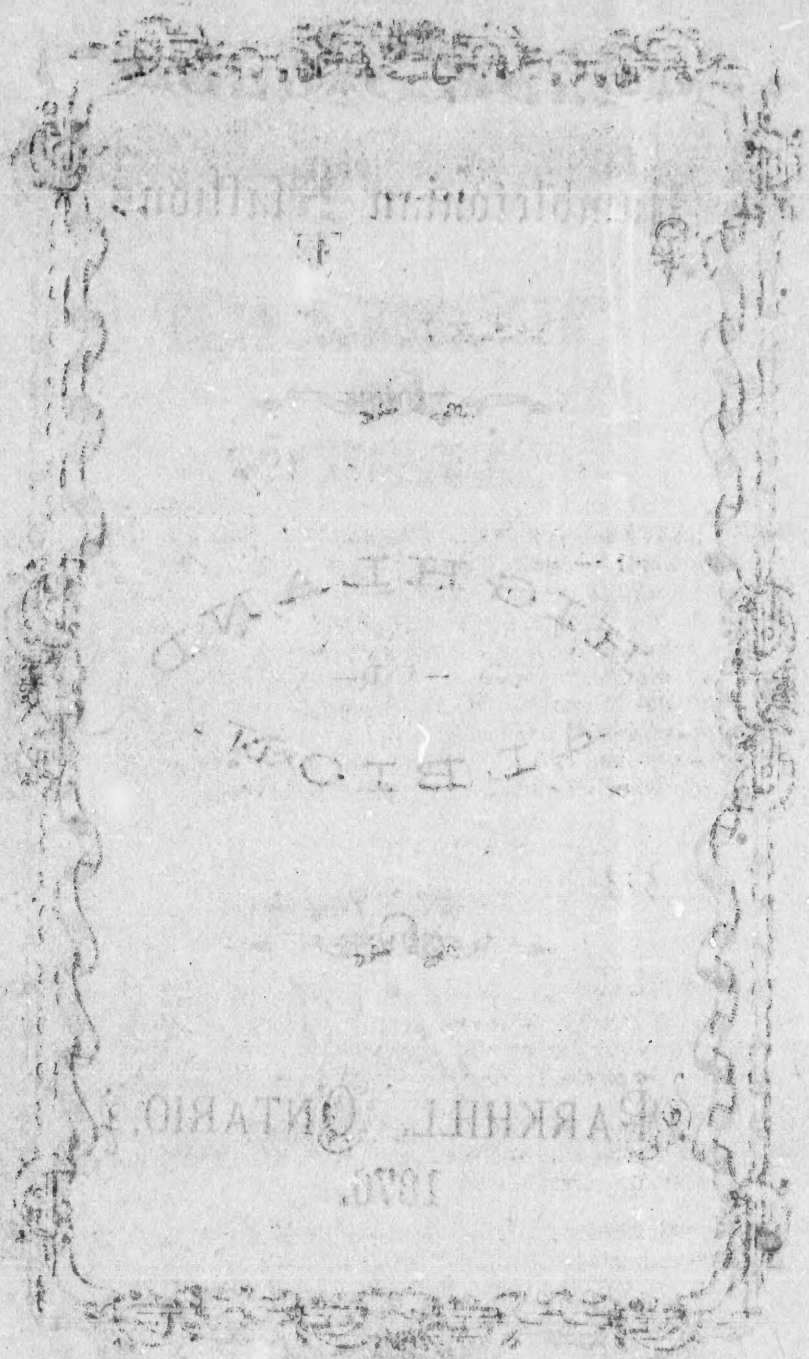


Hambletonian Stallions

HIGHLAND
—AND—
ALBION.

PARKHILL, ONTARIO.

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THE



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Will be kept for the Service of Mares this Season of 1876, Commencing April 1st and Ending August 1st, at the Royal Hotel Stables, Parkhill, on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, except the following days of each month of May, June and July, viz.:—From the 9th to the 12th and from the 28th to 31st of May, and from the 6th to the 9th and from the 27th to 30th of June, and from the 4th to the 7th and from the 25th to 28th of July, inclusive, at which dates they will be located at the Western Hotel Stables in the City of London, and continue this Route during the above dates, Health and Weather permitting.

TERMS:

HIGHLAND—\$30 by the season, payable by note at 3 months from date of service, with the privilege in the event of the mare not proving with foal of returning her free of charge in 1877, provided she is returned punctually for service during this season.

ALBION—\$20 by the season, payable on the same conditions as "Highland," and will be found at the same time and places, health and weather permitting.

Mares will be carefully stabled or pastured, and fed on grain as the owners desire, at the most reasonable rates. The utmost care and attention will be taken, but all escapes and accidents will be at owner's risk.

PEDIGREE

—OF—

"HIGHLAND."

Was bred by Alfred Post, Esq., of the City of Newburg, Orange County, State of New York, foaled on the farm of Mr. Chas. W. Post, at Hamptonburgh, in said County, on the 15th day of July, 1867. Sired by the old Hero of Chester, Rysdyk's Hambletonian. 1st dam "Emily," by Smith's Hambletonian; he by Vermont Hambletonian; he by Harris' Hambletonian; he by Bishop's Hambletonian, by Imported Messenger. 2nd dam by Andrus' Hambletonian; he by Judson's Hambletonian; he by Bishop's Hambletonian by Imported Messenger. 3rd dam by Abdallah; he by Membrino by Imported Messenger and sire of Rysdyk's Hambletonian.

Emily, HIGHLAND's dam, was bred by M. N. Vail, Esq., of Delaware County, State of New York, and was purchased by Mr. Post, at a high price, who owned her for upwards of five years previous to having her bred to Hambletonian; has since been sold to a breeder of New York, and is now being stunted to one of Charles Backmou's fine Stallions. She is a very handsome, fine-bred mare, possessed of great speed, power and endurance, and of a kind and gentle disposition.

AFFIDAVIT.

Orange County, State of New York.

I, Alfred Post, of the City of Newburgh, in the said County of Orange, and State of New York, being duly sworn, do depose and say, that I am the owner of the Brown Stallion Horse called HIGHLAND. The above statement and pedigree as to the sire Deponent knows to be true of his own personal knowledge, and the statements as to the dam are true to the best knowledge, information and belief.

Signed,

ALFRED POST.

Sworn to before me this)
1st day of June, 1875.)

M. C. BELKNAP,

Notary Public in and for the County of Orange and State of New York.

In addition to the above affidavit of Mr. Post as to the breeding of HIGHLAND, I append the following questions and answers, which appeared in the TURF, FIELD AND FARM of 30th July, 1875.

"SUBSCRIBER, London, Ont.—Kindly answer the following, and oblige many. Inclosed please find pedigree of stallion which has been brought here by J. H. Dulmage, who represents that he got this horse through the agency of Messrs. Bruce & Co., New York. He also brought with the horse the sworn affidavit from the owner as to the personal knowledge of his breeding, &c. No person has reason to doubt Dulmage's statements; only there are grave doubts, as, from the set forth pedigree, it seems strange that he should come to Canada to do service at such very low figures. My only object is to arrive at the truth, for should his breeding and representations by Dulmage prove true this horse will prove a very great acquisition to this part of Canada. 1 Did Dulmage get horse through the agency of Messrs. Bruce & Co.? 2. Is Alfred Post a responsible person? 3. What value in cash was set on this stallion? 4. Is the inclosed statements of Dulmage true? 5. Would this horse throw trotters from good dams? 6. Is there a better horse to breed to in Canada? This is a very fine and handsome looking stallion, and has a good share of speed, and many would be glad to use him providing his pedigree is incontestible. ANSWER.—The horse described as taken to Canada by Mr. J. H. Dulmage was obtained in this city through the agency of Messrs. Bruce & Co. His pedigree is correct as represented in the affidavit of the former owner. Mr. Alfred Post is president of the Newburgh Bank, and is a gentleman of unquestioned veracity. "The value in cash" set on the animal is a matter solely between the purchaser and seller. There is no reason to doubt that the horse will get "trotters from good dams;" his fine breeding will warrant the opinion. There are doubtless other good trotting stallions in Canada, but it is not reasonable to expect us to make any invidious comparisons."

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on the 25th day of July, 1866, Chas. W. and Alfred Post, brothers, both of Orange County, and State of New York, had a mare served by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, and that said mare the following summer produced a colt foal, and that all charges thereon have been paid.

GEORGE F. ANDREWS,

Att'y for ELVIRA RYSDYK,

Chester, Jan. 10th, 1876.

Owner of HAMBLETONIAN.

This identical colt mentioned in the annexed Certificate of Geo. W. Andrews, attorney for Elvira Rysdyk, dated Jan. 10, 1876, continued in the care of Chas. W. Post, of Hamptonburgh, Orange County, N. Y., up to the time of his death, in the fall of the year 1871, at which time HIGHLAND was removed to the stables of A. N. Taylor, in Munroe, and from thence to Newburgh, in the care of James Hasbrouch.

ALFRED POST.

County of Orange, State of New York.

Sworn to and subscribed }
before me this 12th }
day of Jan., 1876. }

M. C. BELKNAP,
Notary Public in and for Orange Co.

RYSDYK'S HAMBLETONIAN

Sired by Abdallah. First dam, Chas. Kent's Mare, by Imported ed Bellfounder. Second dam, One-Eye, by Bishop's Hambletonian. Third dam Silver Tail, by Imported Messenger.

ABDALLAH

By Membrino, son of Imported Messenger. Dam, Amazonia, by a son of Imported Messenger.

HARRIS' HAMBLETONIAN

By Bishop's Hambletonian. Dam, the Munsow Mare, by Imported Messenger.

BISHOP'S HAMBLETONIAN

By Imported Messenger. First dam, Pheasant, by Imported Shark. Second dam, by Imported Medley.

SMITH'S HAMBLETONIAN

By Vermont Hambletonian. Dam unknown.

VERMONT HAMBLETONIAN

By Harris' Hambletonian. Dam by Comet, a son of Bishop's Hambletonian.

ANDRUS' HAMBLETONIAN

By Judson's Hambletonian. Dam unknown.

JUDSON'S HAMBLETONIAN

By Bishop's Hambletonian. Dam by Wells' Magnum Bonum.

It will be seen from the pedigree of HIGHLAND (which, by the way, is incontestible) that he is a closer inbred Hambletonian-Messenger than any living stallion in America. And it is claimed, on account of his being so strongly inbred, that he possesses to a large degree the transmitting power to stamp his progeny in likeness and form after his noted sire, and to transmit the trotting instinct also, in a marked degree. It would be needless for me to say anything in favor of this wonderful breed of horses as it is admitted by every intelligent reader that as a family of horses they have no equals. It can be seen from the records that Rysdyk's Hambletonian is the sire and grandsire of more fast and stout trotters than all other breeds combined; the extraordinary prices asked for his services warrants this opinion, being limited to 30 mares yearly, at \$500 each. His sons and grandsons are also held in high estimation. Many of them are held at from \$100 to \$300 each service. In conclusion, allow me to say to the breeders of Canada that I have brought this superior-bred stallion, for Stock purposes, to this country at considerable expense in order to improve the form, and transmit the trotting instinct to our Canadian roadsters, and as HIGHLAND and his half-brother, at Prescott, are the ONLY sons of that noble horse now standing in this Province his services ought, and no doubt will be accepted by many.

The following extract from WILKES' SPIRIT OF THE TIMES of Nov. 25th, 1875, clearly shows the estimation in which this noble breed of horses is held by the Editor of this leading Journal.

"We presume that none will venture to dispute the fact that, by virtue of the record, Rysdyk's Hambletonian unquestionably deserves to rank at the head of trotting sires. He was bred by Jonas Seely, of Chester, Orange County, N. Y.; foaled May 15, 1849; got by Abdallah, son of Membrino, by imp. Messenger. Abdallah, his sire, was out of Amazonia, who was first claimed as by Messenger, then by a son of Messenger; but it is now generally conceded that her blood is entirely unknown. She MAY HAVE been got by a son of Messenger, but the evidence upon which the story rests is too flimsy to carry with it any weight. But, notwithstanding her unknown lineage, she gave to the world, in her son Abdallah, one of the greatest horses that ever trod American soil—"rough to look at, but king among stallions." Hambletonian's dam was by imp. Belfounder; second dam by Hambletonian (a son of Messenger); third dam by Messenger; which gives him one direct cross of the highly-prized Messenger blood on the side of his sire, and a double cross on the side of his dam. The dam, with the colt (subsequently Rysdyk's Hambletonian) by her side, was sold by Mr. Seely to Mr. W. M. Rysdyk, of Chester, for \$125. Mr. Rysdyk was at that time in very limited circumstances; but he was an astute horse-man, and, by his shrewdness, managed to direct public attention

to the colt at a very early age. When he was two years old four mares were bred to him, from which resulted three foals, one of which afterwards became famous under the name of Alexander's Abdallah, the sire of Goldsmith Maid. It is worthy of remark, in this connection, that this greatest of all trotting mares should have been begotten by a three-year-old, and he, in turn, by a two-year-old colt. At three years old he was taken to Long Island, and underwent a few months' training as a trotter, but the promise which he showed upon the track was not deemed sufficient to warrant a continuation of the training, although he showed a trial of a mile in 2.48, and he was retired permanently to the breeding stud. Up to the year 1854, his service-fee was \$25 to insure a foal, but it was then advanced to \$35, at which it was kept to the year 1863, when it was advanced to \$75, and, owing to the fame which his get began to acquire about this time, his services were in great demand at the increased price. In 1864 the fee was placed at \$100, and in the year following to \$300, during which two seasons he was permitted to serve the unprecedented number of four hundred and ten mares, from which there were produced two hundred and seventy-six foals. His fee was then fixed at \$500, at which it remains up to this time. During the entire season of 1868 he was retired from the stud, so that there were no sons or daughters foaled to him in 1869. Since that time he has been limited, each season, to a very small number of mares, and, although now twenty-six years old, is active, strong and vigorous. He has sired more foals, perhaps, than any other stallion of any age, the number reaching near 1,325, which is conclusive evidence of his wonderful constitutional vigor. In a pecuniary sense he has also been a wonderful success, the fees received for his services aggregating \$100,000. It will be a matter of surprise to many to learn that no less than fifty-eight descendants of this famous old sire have made public records of 2.30 or better, twenty-one of which are in the first generation. Of the remaining thirty-seven there are thirty-two grand-sons and daughters, and five that are one generation further removed from their distinguished progenitor. Of those in the second generation twenty-nine are descended in the male line, two in the female line and one by both branches. Of the sixty-one horses that have made records of 2.23 or better in harness, twenty-one are his descendants, and of the ten that have dropped into the 2.18 class, he claims just one-half—a showing from the records that clearly entitles him to stand pre-eminent as THE GREAT PROGENITOR OF TROTTING HORSES.—He is a horse of great substance, but, at the same time, without a particle of grossness. His bone, though heavy, is of most excellent form and apparent fineness of texture. His mane was originally light, the hairs perfectly straight, but not a vestige of it remains. His tail was once very heavy, but it is also growing thin with age. In color he is a rich mahogany bay, with a small star, and two

white ankles behind, but below them the coronets are dotted with black spots, and the hoofs are mainly dark. His head is large and bony, inclining to what is known as the "Roman-nose" type; jaw deep; eyes large and prominent; ear large; neck rather short, and heavy at the throatlatch, but thin and clean; shoulders very deep, oblique and strong; withers low and broad; back short; coupling excellent; croup high, and enormous length from point of hip to hock; broad, flat, clean legs, with tendons well detached from the bone; hock well bent rather than straight; pasterns long and elastic; and hoofs splendid."

HIGHLAND

Is in color a rich Brown, with tanned muzzle, and flanks free from any white marks; stands 15 hands 1 inch without shoes; weighs 1120 lbs.; is of immense power and substance; has a beautiful, intelligent head; large, full eyes; good length of neck, of fine shape, and well cut out at the throttle, set on strong oblique shoulders; has a long, full, flowing mane and tail; a handsomely moulded middle-piece, with full length of ribs, giving ample room for the vital organs. His loins are broad and arched at the coupling, a grand essential for a good repeater, while his broad hips and well-developed quarters tell plainly of a wealth of driving power; his limbs being as flat and cleanly chiseled as a thorough-bred and sound and alike in texture. His action is very fine, having a bold, resolute, commanding gait, which is level and even in all his movements; has a fast, industrious walk, a grand requisite in a road horse; is of a kind and gentle disposition. His work for the development of speed has been very limited, not having scarcely one year's work. At the death of Chas. Post he was turned out in a yard, where he remained until he came into my charge, in the fall, when rising four years old. He showed wonderful speed for his age and was thought well of by his handler. Since his arrival here his work has been very light; at no time severe or urgent, I have found him an improving horse and willing to do his best under any and all circumstances: has showed several half-mile trials and at each time dropped a little from 1.20 to 1.16, to a ninety-five pounds sulky. I am confident when in proper condition can trot a full mile within the thirties.

"ALBION"

Was foaled May 24th, 1871. Bred by Moss Olmsted, Esq., of Mount Albion, Ontario. Sired by Mr. James' fine stallion "Highland Boy;" he by Hamlet; he by Volunteer; he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, out of Black Maria by Membrino Chief.

The pedigree of ALBION's dam not yet traced but will be placed before the public as soon as all the true facts can be obtained.— This is a very fine mare and is considered one of the best brood mares in this part of Ontario. She was recently purchased, at a high price, for stock purposes, by Messrs. Geary & Hodgins, and can be seen at any time on Mr. Geary's Stock farm, three miles north of London.

ALBION is in color a beautiful Golden Chestnut, with three white feet; stands full 16 hands high, and weighs, in fleshy condition, 1200 lbs.; has invariably been pronounced by judges of fine horses the most perfect formed stallion in this country, and must be seen to be admired. His action is most perfect and, although has never had more work than to steady him in harness, I am prepared to show breeders speed enough to satisfy them to their fullest desire, and I will be most happy to exhibit either of these stallions to breeders of this country by giving me notice to that effect.

For any further information required letters addressed to J. H. Dulmage, Parkhill, will receive prompt attention.

J. H. DULMAGE.

Parkhill, April 1st, 1876.

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